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DATE: November 28, 1994

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Institutional Services Section Area Supervisors

SUBJECT: Social Security Benefit Cost-of-Living (COLA) Adjustment for 1995

We have recently been advised by the Social Security Administration that the Social Security benefit cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment for 1995 is 2.8 percent and the new monthly premium for Medicare Part B (SMI) coverage is \$46.10. This increase and the deduction, where appropriate, will be reflected in the January 1995 checks.

In completing a Form PA-3L with a January 1995 effective date, it is important to use the COLA increase to calculate the new Social Security benefit and for those individuals who are responsible for Medicare premiums on and after January 1, 1995, to use the new premium amount.

This information is vital for the accuracy of the 1995 COLA Update List. The Bureau of Claims and Accounts will return those PA-3L forms, with an effective date of 1995, which do not reflect the 1995 estimated COLA or the new Medicare premium amount.

Questions concerning this communication should be referred to the field service staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Velvet G. Miller".

Velvet G. Miller
Director

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